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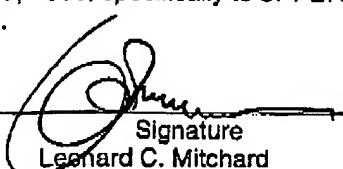
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Title: DRILLING METHOD

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

 Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

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Total effective claims after amendment	37	minus highest number previously paid for	25	(at least 20) =	12	x \$50.00	\$600.00 (1202)/\$300.00 (2202)	\$ 600.00
Independent claims after amendment	3	minus highest number previously paid for	2	(at least 3) =	1	x \$210.00	\$210.00 (1201)/\$105.00 (2201)	\$

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, (ignore improper); add  
 \$370.00 (1203)/\$185.00 (2203) \$

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Five Month Extensions	\$2,230.00 (1255)/\$1115.00 (2255)

Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add  
 \$130.00 (1814)/ \$65.00 (2814) \$

Applicant claims "small entity" status.  Statement filed herewith

Rule 56 Information Disclosure Statement Filing Fee	\$180.00 (1806)	\$ 0.00
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